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DROP OFF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SAFELY *County Holds Event for Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic and Universal Waste*

The County Department of Environmental Health is sponsoring a special one-day Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event in North County for residents of unincorporated communities including Valley Center, Pauma Valley, Rincon, Hidden Meadows, Bear Valley and Palomar Mountain.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to rid their homes of household hazardous wastes that can't be taken to the landfill," said Bill Horn, Fifth District Supervisor. "By having these collection sites, we're helping protect the environment and it may also be a way for people to scratch a few 'honey-do's' off the list for 2007."

The event will be on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Valley Center & Pauma Unified School District office located at 28751 Cole Grade Road in Valley Center.

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste that can be accepted:

- Unused or leftover portions of products containing toxic chemicals
- Products labeled: **Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable** or **Corrosive**

We can accept up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste per vehicle.

Examples of Electronic and Universal Waste that can be accepted:

- Computers, computer equipment, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, telephones
- Fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, and household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, & button cells)

Examples of wastes that CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Hazardous, radioactive or medical waste, business waste, tires, ammunition, explosives, microwave ovens, air conditioners, or household appliances

The improper use and disposal of HHW can pollute streams, rivers, lakes and oceans, destroy ecosystems, create fire hazards, lead to childhood poisoning and cause injury to the people who collect residential waste.

If you are not able to attend this event, there is a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility in Ramona at 324 Maple Street. This facility is open every Saturday of each month, excluding holiday weekends. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To learn more about the event, please call the County Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Toll Free Hotline at 1-877-713-2784 (R-1-EARTH).

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